

~~12.~~ The detergent of claim 1, wherein the at least one alkali metal percarbonate is present in
~~13~~ an amount of up to 50 percent by weight.

~~14.~~ The detergent of claim 1, wherein the detergent contains 0.5 to 10 percent by weight of at
~~15~~ least one compound which gives off peroxydicarboxylic acid under perhydrolysis
conditions.

~~16.~~ The detergent of claim 1, wherein the detergent contains up to one percent by weight of
~~17~~ at least one bleach boosting substance selected from group consisting of transition metal
salts and transition metal complexes.

~~18.~~ The detergent of claim 1, wherein the at least one alkali metal percarbonate comprises
~~19~~ sodium percarbonate.

~~20.~~ The detergent of claim 1, wherein the at least one alkali metal percarbonate is present in
~~21~~ the form of granules.

~~22.~~ The detergent of claim 1, wherein the at least one alkali metal percarbonate has a
~~23~~ morphology index of below 0.06.

~~24.~~ The detergent of claim 1, wherein the detergent contains 0.0001 to 0.1 mg of the α -
~~25~~ amylase per percent by weight of the at least one alkali metal percarbonate.

~~26.~~ A method of increasing the cleaning performance of a detergent in washing and cleaning
~~27~~ solutions, the method comprising the step of adding:

a) α -amylase from *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens*; and

b) at least one alkali metal percarbonate,
to said detergent.

~~28.~~ The method of claim 19, wherein the performance is increased against starchy and/or
~~29~~ colored stains. --